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FOLLOWING REPEAT OF TOKYO 13395 ACTION SECSTATE 2086 INFO SECDEF,
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJECT: RETURN OF MIG 25

1. REMARKS BY FONMIN MIYAZAWA AT PRESS BRIEFING SEPTEMBER
7 INDICATE FOREIGN OFFICE MAY BE RETHINKING INFORMAL
FONOFF POSITION THAT EARLY RETURN OF MIG 25 WOULD BE
NORMAL COURSE OF EVENTS. MIYAZAWA APPARENTLY SAID THAT
PLANE WOULD NOT BE RETURNED WHILE INVESTIGATIONS WERE
GOING ON, ADDING IT WAS NOT THE STAGE FOR DIPLOMATIC
NEGOTIATIONS TO RETURN THE PLANE SINCE A TERRITORIAL
INFRINGEMENT AND VIOLATION OF JAPANESE LAW WERE INVOLVED.

2. FONMIN OFFICIALS HAVE ADVISED US THAT FONOFF DOES IN
FACT INTEND TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT SITUATION. WE ARE
UNABLE TO THINK OF ANY EXAMPLE OF A COMMUNIST AIR-
CRAFT BEING RETURNED WHEN FLOWN IN BY DEFECTOR --

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CASES IN FRG, DENMARK, AND KOREA COME TO MIND.

3. IN CONSULTATION WITH USFJ, WE HAVE EMPHASIZED
TO MOFA HIGH INTELLIGENCE VALUE OF MIG-25 AND IMPORTANCE
ATTACHED TO ITS EXAMINATION. WE URGED THAT GOJ GIVE
CONSIDERATION TO HOLDING PLANE LONG ENOUGH TO PERMIT
THOROUGH INVESTIGATION. DEFATT HAS MADE SIMILAR APPEALS
TO JDA. YAMAZAKI (DIRGEN, AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU) SAID HE
WOULD GIVE FULL WEIGHT TO OUR VIEWS BUT WAS OTHERWISE NON-
COMMITTAL. IF DEPARTMENT WISHES TO FOLLOW UP THESE APPROACHES,
WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTION SOONEST TOGETHER WITH ANY
INFORMATION ON PRECEDENTS THAT MAY BE OF USE.
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